

Book Reviews

A Medical Journey in California by Dr. Pierre Garnier, introduced and annotated by Doyce B. Nunis Jr., and translated by L. Jay Oliva, Los Angeles, Zeitlin & Ver Brugge, 1967, pp. xii, 93, illus., \$12.50.

True Californians usually have a very recent migratory ancestry and a deep love for the short but lively history of their land. Garnier's narrative was first published in 1949 by the French-American scholar Gilbert Chinard, and has now been translated by Oliva with an introduction by Nunis. The book is handsomely printed. Pierre Garnier (1819–1901) was a French physician who visited California between April 1851 and November 1852. He was a keen observer and well-read physician, who, prior to his journey, had learned, and later confirmed, the high reputation of Aztec medicine from Clavijero, and was well aware of current literature. He refers, among others, to the work of Kerner, who has not been identified by the editors, this being Christian A. J. Kerner (1786–1862) who first described botulism in 1820. Garnier is objective above the medical problems affecting the mining camps of California, and the early practitioners and hospitals of that territory. Furthermore, he is not tainted with the patronising sophistication to be found in the narratives of Moreau de St. Mery and other French travellers who visited Eastern United States some years prior to Garnier. The introduction by Nunis offers an excellent schedule of early medical practice in California, entailing considerable research. It is therefore strange that the most important narrative of California by a physician—that of José Mariano Moziño in 1793—has been omitted.

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